GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION Old Secretariat, Delhi-110054

No. F.DE/15(146)/ACT-I/2016/237→-8376 ORDER

Dated: 29/4/16

Whereas, Sh. Rohit Khanna & others has made a complaint to this directorate through e-mail against DAV Public School, Dayanand Vihar, Delhi and the copy of which have been received in this office on 29th April, 2016 alleging fee hike by the school despite Govt. Notification and forced parents to purchase book, stationary from school for which they have not provided any proper bill.

AND Whereas, in the aforesaid complaint, the complainant has requested to take the cognizance and to take necessary action to get roll back the hiked fee.

AND Whereas, as far as enhancement of school fee is concerned, the Directorate vide order dated 19.02.2016 has already issued directions in compliance of order of Hon'ble High Court dated 19.01.2016, delivered in W.P.(C) No.4109/2013, titled as Justice for All Vs Govt. of NCT of Delhi. The operative part of the said letter dated 19.02.2016 is re-produced as under:-

"Therefore, in pursuance to the directions delivered in the judgment as referred above, all the private unaided recognized schools running on the land allotted by DDA/other Govt. agencies on concessional rates or otherwise shall not increase the rates of tuition fee without the prior sanction of Directorate of Education. Accordingly, Point no.6 of this Directorate's circular dated 16.04.2010 is modified- to the extent that the Managing Committee of such schools is not competent to increase the fee to be charged from the students, provided that the allotment letter of the land of such schools/society must contain the condition of seeking prior approval of Director (Education) before increasing the rates of tuition fees".

Therefore, the enhancement of school fee without prior approval of this Directorate is contravention of the above said order as well as order of Hon'ble High Court.

AND Whereas, this Directorate vide order no. DE-15/Act-I/WPC-4109/13/Part/7914-23 dated 16.4.2016, has issued directions to the HOSs/Managers of Private unaided recognized schools allotted land by the land owning agencies on the conditions of seeking prior sanction of Director of Education for increase in fee, to submit their proposal if any for prior sanction of Director of Education for increase in Tuition Fee/ fee for the academic session 2016-17, online on the website of the Directorate of Education and upload the returns and documents mentioned therein latest by 31st May, 2016. Also it has been directed that in case the schools have already charged any increased fee prior to this order the same shall be liable to be adjusted in terms of the sanction of the Director of Education on the proposal.

AND Whereas, compulsory purchasing of books and stationery on higher rates from the school counter/shop without issuing any receipt is concerned, this is in contravention of rule 168 of Delhi School Education Rules, 1973. The school cannot compel any student/parent to purchase books and stationery from the school counter/shop.

NOW Therefore, in view of the aforesaid violations of various provisions of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 and rules made there under and non compliance of the order of the Directorate as mentioned above, the Managing Committee/Manager of the, DAV Public School, Dayanand Vihar, Delhi is hereby directed :-

- 1 To roll back the alleged fee hike.
- 2 To refund/adjust the entire enhanced fee to the parents, so collected by the school authority for the academic session 2016-17.
- 3 Not to enhance any type of school fee from the academic session 2016-17 onwards without approval of this Directorate.
- Not to compel students/parents of the school to purchase the books & stationery from the school's shop/counter and issue proper receipt accordingly against any purchase.

The Managing Committee/Manager of the said school is also directed to submit the compliance report within 07 days on receipt of this order, failing which appropriate action under relevant provisions of Delhi School Education Act & Rules, 1973 may be initiated.

Director (Education)

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Managing Committee/Manager DAV Public School, Dayanand Vihar, Delhi No. F.DE/15(145)/ACT-I/2016/8370-8376

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Copy for information to:-

- 1. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister;
- 2. Secretary to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister/ Minister (Education), Delhi
- 3. OSD to Chief Secretary, Delhi
- 4. Secretary (Education)
- 5. DDE (East)

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6. DDE of concerned Zone

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(P. LATA TARA) Deputy Director of Education (Act – I)